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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Patent Application of:

Kelan C. Silvester

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PROVIDING A SECURE-PRIVATE PARTITION
ON A HARD DISK DRIVE OF A COMPUTER
SYSTEM VIA IDE CONTROLLER**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of March 30, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows, and consider the following remarks.